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Well water info session held tomorrow

The Halton Region Health Department will host a well water information session for private well owners tomorrow. The drop-in event will be held at the Nassagaweya Community Centre in Brookville from 3:30 to 9 p.m. "Providing clean, safe drinking water is an important function of Halton Region," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "For our residents who use a private well, we provide them with

the tools and education so that they have the knowledge and ability to ensure and maintain the safety of their well water."

Residents who attend the information session will have an opportunity to:

- Talk to public health inspectors about well water quality concerns
 - Bring one cup of water in a sterilized jar to have it tested for nitrates (nitrates in water could indicate contamination)
 - Drop off a water sample to be sent for bacteria testing — call the health department at (905) 825-6000 or visit www.halton.ca/health to find out where to get an approved water sample bottle
 - Pick up approved water sample bottles for future bacteria testing
 - Learn about water treatment systems such as ultra violet, reverse osmosis and chlorination from experienced water treatment companies
 - Talk to staff from the Region's Planning and Public Works department to discuss water conservation principles
 - Observe well drilling equipment and learn about well drilling from professionals from the Ontario Ground Water Association
 - Learn the results from the 2006 Halton Region Rural Well Water Study
- "It is important to monitor bacteria and nitrate levels in your private well water supply," said Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal. "Owners of private wells should make every effort to maintain their well and test their water for bacteria at least three times per year."

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Time to get a little froggy at Mountsberg

Spring fever is in the air, as male frogs get ready to sing in full chorus to attract mates.

This annual wildlife phenomenon can be witnessed in the forests and wetlands of Mountsberg Conservation Area, where visitors can join one of two annual Frogwatchers Hikes.

The songs or mating calls of our amphibious friends are so distinctive that various species can be identified without actually being seen.

The earliest songster is the spring peeper, a tiny tree frog that makes a loud peep. When thousands of these calls happen together the individual peeps are indiscernible, but the overall chorus is almost deafening.

This year's hikes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. this coming Saturday and next.

Participants can watch a puppet show and visit the pond, maybe even getting their hands on some of these creatures. They'll also learn about the difference between frogs and toads, and the amazing lives of salamanders.

The cost is \$12 for adults and \$10 for kids five to 12. Admission is by advance registration only, and space is limited.

To register, call (905) 854-2276.

Mountsberg is located on Milborough Line, five km west of Campbellville between Hwy. 6 South and Guelph Line.